Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Through our continuing efforts to address critical safety issues in existing buildings that affect our citizens, regardless of age or occupation, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, we are confident that our structures are safe and sound; and,

Whereas, The dedicated members of the International Code Council®, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce codes to safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play, and learn; and,

Whereas, The International Codes®, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties, and states, and include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur, such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, hurricanes, and earthquakes; and,

Whereas, Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council®, reminds the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local code officials – who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and,

Whereas, This year's theme, "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work, and Play," encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building; pool, spa, and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry; and,

Whereas, This year, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask all Americans to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 5 - 11, 2008, as

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State